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SUBJ: CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES

1. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, AS MR BROWNELL, SENATOR CURTIS, AND I WERE ENTERING THE CONGRESS BUILDING FOR THE SESSION INVOLVING THE FOREIGN DELEGATIONS, I WAS PULLED TO ONE SIDE TO MEET IN THE CLOAKROOM WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALBERTO VIGNES. HE HANDED ME A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PERON IN ANSWER TO THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH MR BROWNELL HAD BROUGHT. HE SAID THIS IS ALL WELL AND GOOD BUT SOON WE HAVE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK IN DEPTH ABOUT MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. HE HAD INDICATED TO ME BEFORE THAT HE WANTS TO "TALK TURKEY". I HAVE NO IDEA OF THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT VIGNES HAS IN MIND. HOWEVER, IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT IT INVOLVES FINANCIAL MATTERS.

2. AT RECEPTION SAME EVENING VIGNES SPOKE TO DCM OF HIS GRATIFICATION OVER SUCCESS OF HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS WAS "A GOOD BEGINNING," BUT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD PROMPTLY WITH CONCRETE STEPS TO BUILD A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
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